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Lincoln Fire and Rescue
Attn: Chief Danny Wright
1801 Q Street
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SUBJECT: Letter of appreciation for LFR hazmat/dive team members.

Dear Chief Wright,

I just wanted to take a few moments to let you know that I really appreciate the assistance of your staff on Sunday July 29th in the containment of the diesel fuel spill in the area of 91st and Andermatt Drive. We believed that we had the petroleum contained to the creek but when I went out to check on the situation on Sunday after what I believed to be a light rain Saturday night, I found that the containment booms and pads had been washed into the lake.

I contacted Battalion Chief Staberg via phone and requested assistance in containing the spill as 2 of our emergency response staff were out of town and I had limited people available. After fighting a large structure fire earlier that morning, LFR hazmat and dive rescue crews responded to assist me in re-booming the lake and containing the released fuel.

I really appreciate the assistance of Eng 9, Eng 6, Hazmat 14 Air 14, Battalion 1 and 2, in getting the equipment and containment supplies to me so quickly when they had already worked a large fire and were obviously tired and hungry. I would like to commend your staff for their dedication and professionalism while helping my agency last Sunday.

Please give your crews my thanks for all of the assistance that they provided.

Sincerely,

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